

THE THORNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT OF MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1955.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report
for 1955.

The health of the community has
been satisfactory. There was, however, a measles
epidemic from April to June involving 107 cases.

The whooping cough and diphtheria
immunisation continues to show the improvement of last
year.

The water supply and sewerage system
works well.

Some nuisance has been caused to the
dwellers in the Dog-in-a-Doublet area by the offensive
smell associated with the effluent from the Peterborough
Sewage Works into the River Nene.

I add to my report a special report
from the Sanitary Inspector which is fuller than usual.
I hope the Council will find it of value.

Your obedient Servant,

J.R.F. Popplewell,

Medical Officer of Health.



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Medical Officer of Health - J.R.F. Popplewell, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.
D.(Obst.), R.C.O.G.

Surveyor & ~~Sanitary Inspector~~ - E.T. Little, ~~M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.~~
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area	...	21,796 acres.
Population	..	2,460.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
<u>Live Births :</u>		
Legitimate.	16.	16.
Illegitimate.	<u>1.</u>	<u>2.</u>
	17.	18.
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<u>Stillbirths :</u>		
Legitimate.	2.	Nil.
Illegitimate.	Nil.	Nil.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year	Nil.	Nil.
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks	Nil.	Nil.
<u>Total Deaths.</u>	7.	6.
Deaths from Cancer	Nil.	Nil.
Deaths from Tuberculosis	Nil.	Nil.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Measles:

Under 1 year	1	-
1-2 years	6.	9.
3-4 years	20.	15.
5-9 years	25.	30
10-14 "	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
Total :	<u>53.</u>	<u>54.</u>

Whooping Cough :

Under 1 year	2.	2.
1-2 years	3.	2
3-4 years	3.	1.
5-9 years	<u>2.</u>	<u>1</u>
	10.	6.
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Pneumonia 2 cases.

Dysentery 4 cases

Scarlet Fever 4 cases

Erysipelas 1 case

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisation

Under 1 year	3.
1 year	10.
2 years	2.
5 - 9 years	33.
10 -14 years	24.
Booster doses.....	121.

Laboratory Facilities
Ambulance Facilities
Nursing in the Home
Inspection and Super vision of Food
Clinics.

The facilities of all the above services are the same as last year.

Housing.

Houses completed during the year:-

Council Houses	...	2. NIL
Private Building :		
Bungalows	...	4.
Houses...	...	2. 1

